

All Topeka is fervently praying that the crime against Edna Dinsmore will be the last of its kind—and that the perpetrator will be punished.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Unsettled, with showers tonight.

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SHERIFF LOOKS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CONFESSION

Fred Bissell Is Held at County Jail In Lawrence Fearing Mob—Mother Accuses Bissell In Interview

HE IS MAN--WE'RE STORY OF MOTHER!

Sheriff and Chief of Police Say They Have Murderer.

Partial Confession Means Full Confession Soon, Asserted.

BISSELL ADMITS SEEING GIRL

Says He Walked Up Fifth Street With Edna Dinsmore.

Bought Candy for Her, He Tells County Officers.

DON'T LET THE CROWD GET ME!

Bissell Begged the Officers for Protection in Topeka.

Witness Declares He Saw This Man Watching Fire.

Late this afternoon Sheriff Kiene asked County Attorney Atchison to secure a warrant for the arrest of Fred Bissell, charged with the murder of Edna Dinsmore. The warrant was issued and Bissell was taken to the county jail at Lawrence. The request for the warrant followed the finding of several pieces of important evidence by Sheriff Kiene's force. The iodine bottle found in an upstairs room at the vacant house where the outrage was committed was identified by a clerk at Pope's drug store. He recalled having sold it to Bissell. He remembered the bottle for the reason that when Bissell brought it in to be filled with iodine it had the name of another drug on the label and he wrote the name "iodine" over the other name. The label shows that Bissell's name was on the bottle.

The officers also found in an upper room the wrapping from the bottle of vasoline which was found in the house yesterday. The wrapper has the cost mark of the Oxford drug store written upon it. However, no one at the drug store remembers having sold the vasoline.

Notwithstanding the issuance of the warrant this afternoon Bissell will not be brought back to Topeka immediately.

An immediate confession from Fred Bissell that he maltreated and murdered little nine-year-old Edna Dinsmore, then set fire to the vacant house to hide his crime, would not surprise L. L. Kiene, sheriff, nor Harvey Parsons, chief of police.

During a lonely automobile ride last night when Bissell was taken to Lawrence for safe keeping he made a partial confession. He admitted following the girl away from the Colonial bakery where she left her mother at 8:15; he admitted walking down Kansas avenue and buying candy for her and with walking west on Fifth street as far as Topeka avenue in her company. Farther than that he refused to go in his confession.

Sheriff Kiene and W. E. Atchison, county attorney, left Topeka just before noon and the general impression around the court house was that they went to Lawrence to try to wring a confession out of Bissell.

Make Out Complaint.

"I think," said Kiene before he left, "that I will make a complaint against Bissell some time today. I am satisfied he is the right man. We have the goods on him and are getting more evidence all the time."

The minute Sheriff Kiene makes a complaint a warrant will be issued for Bissell," said County Attorney Atchison, who assisted in the investigation yesterday afternoon. "My belief is that the officers have the guilty man."

Last night when the authorities gave it out that Bissell had been released he was taken out of a window in the court room at the police station and hurried through the back yard to the county jail. There he was placed in a cell farthest removed from the doors.

He Was Afraid of Crowd.

Bissell glanced out of a window and saw the crowd of automobiles and people around the police station.

Mother Gives Her Version of Murder of Her Child.

Pitiful Tale Is Told State Journal by Mrs. Dinsmore.

SAYS MAN MADE LOVE TO HER

Threatened to Kill With Revolver, the Parent Asserts.

She Claims Bissell Is Man Guilty of the Crime.

"Goodbye, mamma darling, it's twenty minutes after eight, kiss me for I must hurry to school," were the last words little Edna Dinsmore ever uttered to the poor, distracted mother, who now lives in a humble home at 1601 East Third street.

"Oh, my baby, my precious child, how could God ever allow such a thing to happen to my precious darling!" moaned the distracted mother.

It is a humble little home that shelters the poor woman and kind neighbors are doing all they can for the mother of the murdered child.

"She was always so much comfort to me, for I could always rely on her. She was not like most children, for we've had lots of trouble and it has been a hard struggle for me to keep body and soul together. I wish so much that I could go back to the time when she was a little girl and she was so comfortable to me. And now, I think, the poor little darling is dead!"

Tells Her Story.

"Oh, the brute! I could tear him limb from limb. Gou punish him just as he punished my darling little Edna," she moaned.

"Try, Mrs. Dinsmore, and tell just when she left the bakery," she was asked.

"Edna looked at the clock and said, 'Mamma, it's 20 minutes after eight and I must hurry off to school so I will not be late.'"

"I looked at the clock and saw that the time was 8:15. It was the first emotion he had shown."

"Don't let that crowd get at me," he begged.

"That we're trying to do," said Hixon, "is to keep you away from the crowd."

At 11 o'clock last night Bissell was locked into an automobile by Joseph Holman, deputy sheriff; Robert Miller, city detective, and Verne Welch. He didn't know where he was going and he was badly frightened. He saw the party left the city limits that Bissell began to talk.

His Story to Holman.

"He admitted," said Joe Holman, "that he was with the girl yesterday morning when she was there with her mother. He said he fixed a tack in her shoe. He said he left the house a few minutes after she did and followed her towards Kansas avenue. Somewhere on Kansas avenue, he says, he caught up with her and went into a store and bought a dime's worth of candy for her. Then, he said, he walked down the street as far as Fifth and turned west. He admitted he walked with her to Topeka avenue, but says he left her there and returned to the bakery."

"I asked him what he supposed the little girl was doing that far away from the school," he said. "He replied that he didn't think much about it; that he supposed her mother had sent her out that way."

"I asked him why he bought the candy for her. 'Why,' he replied, 'any one would buy candy for a sweet little girl like her.'"

Holman said officers were made to get a further confession from him on the trip but that he declined to go further with his story. Bissell declared he returned to the bakery and went to work delivering milk. Officials have evidence that he did not return to the bakery at the time he was released.

CHILD VICTIM



Edna Dinsmore, the Nine Year Old Girl Who Was Found Murdered Yesterday Morning.

ZEPS COME AGAIN

Caught by Searchlights and Heavy Gun Fire.

Hover Over Essex, Then Turn Back Eastward.

London, April 26.—One hundred bombs were dropped by the Zeppelin dirigible balloons in their raid over England Tuesday night. This announcement was made by the official press bureau. There were no casualties.

The bombs fell on the Thames estuary (east of the metropolitan district of London). The German admiral, in an official statement issued by the state, said that the Zeppelins bombarded London, Colchester, Sloughwater and Ramsgate.

London, April 26.—The Zeppelins which made a raid over the east coast last night remained at a great height, probably because they were subjected to violent fire from anti-aircraft guns. The raiders were favored by a dark night and light wind, but were forced to flee after a short time.

A correspondent in a town of Essex county says a Zeppelin was picked up by a searchlight at the outskirts of the county and in a few minutes was outlined by other searchlights. Then sharpshooters began to burst around it from many directions. The Zeppelin climbed very high and hovered about for ten minutes. Then it sailed eastward. No bombs were dropped and the searchlights found it. The number of casualties and extent of the damages caused by the raid have not yet been ascertained.

LAWYER A SLAYER

Trabue of Nashville Shoots Attorney H. Stokes.

Grows Out of Row Over Probe of City Finances.

Nashville, April 26.—Attorney Charles C. Trabue shot and killed Attorney H. Stokes here this morning. They had been opposing counsel in the so-called taxpayers' suit involving the probe into the city affairs. Mr. Stokes was chief counsel for the taxpayers since the probe began last summer. Mr. Trabue was recently employed as special counsel to represent the city.

AMERICANS IN TROUBLE

Stopped at Swiss Frontier in Leaving Germany.

Geneva, April 26.—German newspapers are now taking a more serious view of the German-American situation. They say Emperor William is expected to return to Berlin from general headquarters.

Meantime Americans attempting to leave Germany by way of Switzerland are encountering difficulties. Many of them are held up at the Swiss frontier having been closed since yesterday.

ACQUIT CHILD SLAYER

New York Jury Accepts Insanity Plea of Mrs. Ida S. Rogers.

New York, April 26.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers, charged with the murder of her two children, brought in a verdict today of not guilty on the grounds of insanity.

STATE'S GLASS HOUSE WILL BE RID OF STONES

Health and Sanitation Laws To Be Probed in Topeka.

State House Idea of Observing Rules To Be Watched.

BASEMENT TO BE CLEANED OUT

Look at New Quarters for a State Censorship Board.

Dr. Crumline Will Make Public Report on Conditions.

Special investigators, appointed by the state board of health, will study the state house plan of observing state health and sanitation laws. The committee will also take a look at the proposed quarters for the state censorship board and will probably look at the rubbish piles in the sub-basement and report on the sanitary condition of state house toilets. There will be no haste about the matter, however. The work will be done some time before June 1 if possible.

The plan to investigate state house sanitation was made public today following numerous complaints concerning the location of the film censorship rooms in the sub-basement of the state house. Recently a committee from the state board of health investigated conditions at the state orphan's home, Atchison, and the state hospital for insane, Oswalltown. Their report showed deplorable sanitary conditions and the violation of most of the state health laws. Dr. Crumline, secretary of the state board of health, said that the state house was a "glass house."

Plans announced today by Dr. Crumline, secretary of the state board of health, indicate that the state house will be cleaned out.

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Indications this morning were that there would be a bigger crowd out this afternoon to the local game than there would have been Tuesday under the most favorable conditions, but it was freely admitted that the chance of having the best crowd and of winning the governor's cup was slim unless every man and woman in the whole city strained its eyes exerted every effort to go to the game and to induce others to go.

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SAVAGE OPENING THIS AFTERNOON DESPITE CLOUDS

Boosters Carry Out All of the Original Program.

Game With Denver Bears Starts at 3 O'clock.

MANY ATTEND DESPITE COLD

Crowd of 6,000 Needed to Outdo the Omaha Record.

Business Houses Closed; Parade Starts on Time.

The Opening Line-Up.

Denver, April 26.—The opening line-up of the game between the Denver Bears and the Topeka Savages was as follows: Topeka, Miller, rf; Kelleher, 3b; Spencer, lf; Butcher, 2b; Dyke, 3b; Oakes, cf; Lattimore, 1b; Shields, 1b; Stevens, c; King, p.

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GERMANY TORN BY 2 FACTIONS ON U. S. ISSUE

Whose Gain if Kaiser Breaks Diplomatic Relations?

"Ours," Declares One Faction; "Our Enemies," Says Other.

FULLY REALIZE GRAVE POSITION

Staunch Support to Sentiment to Comply to U. S.

Blame "Yellow Press" in Both Nations for Trouble.

Berlin, April 26.—Public opinion in Germany respecting the American note remains divided in two main directions. One, represented by Count Ernest von Reventlow, the naval expert of the Tages Zeitung, and his adherents, which is small but vociferous and powerful, continues to assert it would welcome a breach with America with a feeling of relief. The attitude of the other group is indicated by a remark by Theodore Wolff, in this morning's Tageblatt, that not they but England and other enemies of Germany would welcome a breach "with a feeling of relief."

What will come of the deliberations now progressing concerning the note cannot be known or indicated in advance but it can be said the attitude of responsible leaders is plainly that indicated by Mr. Wolff and that, whatever the decision may be, it will be reached with a full appreciation of what a rupture might mean.

Comment in the press displays neither optimism nor pessimism, but simply a full realization of the gravity of the crisis which must be met and met quickly.

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The evidence suggests the possibility that Sir Roger, if convicted, is a traitor, may be beheaded, as under the existing law a person found guilty of this offense may, by crown warrant, be given the penalty of beheading instead of hanging.

Hold Governor General.

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EXODUS OF AMERICANS FROM GERMANY STARTED

Geneva, April 26.—An exodus of Americans from Germany has begun. A number of them already have arrived at Basel. They are convinced that a rupture between Germany and the United States is inevitable.

MAN IS HELD



Fred Bissell, Held in Connection With the Murder of Edna Dinsmore.

VILLA CHASE ON

Cavalry Troop Searching Mountains Near Parral.

El Paso Gets Report, Dodd's Cavalry in Serious Clash.

Field Headquarters, Nampiquipa, April 26.—(Via Wireless to Columbus, April 26.)—Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains north and west of Parral, where the bandit chieftain is reported to be hiding.

The advanced base, 300 miles south of the border is now completely equipped. Trains after railroad of motor trucks having arrived here within the last ten days bringing rations, clothing and equipment.

El Paso, April 26.—A report has been received here that Colonel Dodd's advanced cavalry detachment had an engagement several days ago in which both sides suffered losses. It was not indicated whether the battle was with Villa or with Carranza troops.

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SEASON PASS.

The official paid attendance at today's ball game will be given in the State Journal's postscript edition this evening, issued a few minutes after the close of the game. The name of party entitled to the season pass offered by this paper will be published in tomorrow's noon edition of the State Journal.

HORSES "COME BACK" AT WASHINGTON SHOW

Washington, April 26.—Entries for the National Capital Horse show, one of the biggest outdoor society and sporting events of the capital, which will be held May 6, 8, 10 and 11, closed today. The lists are expected to go over 1,000. Some of the best horses in the country are entered.

Leonard Wilson Suffers a Number of Minor Injuries.

As a result of a fall to the pavement, while attempting to alight from a moving street car at Ninth and Kansas avenues shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, Leonard Wilson of 223 Lake street suffered a cut over his right eye and a number of bruises on his face and body. Wilson, who partially lost consciousness was taken to the Johnsons' beach and lying down where he was given first aid attention by several physicians who were summoned.

At Stormont hospital, where Wilson later was taken, physicians believed that his injuries probably were not serious. He had not recovered from the shock, however, an hour and a half after the accident.

Wilson lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wilson and is employed as a clerk in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe general offices.

ROTT REBS FROM TWO POSITIONS IN DUBLIN

Military Law Proclaimed in Ireland Capital.

Believe Revolutionists Still Hold Postoffice.

GOVERNOR GENERAL HOSTAGE

Crown Sends Troops From England and Belfast.

Sir Roger Casement May Be Beheaded for Treason.

London, April 26.—Liberty Hall, headquarters of the Dublin rebels and Stephen's Green which was captured by them, have been occupied by the military. Premier Asquith announced today in the house of commons.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the city and county of Dublin. It was announced in the house of commons. Troops have arrived at Dublin from Belfast and England.

From the energetic steps are being taken by the government today to put down the serious insurrection of Sinn Fein rebels at Dublin. The censor permitted the press to cable this fact, though it is impossible to give details at this time.

Dublin Still Out Off.